

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 71, lines 9-18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, using the layered product (B-20), a layered product ~~[[B-]]~~ (B-20-1) that had a structure of OPET/AC/vapor-deposited thin film layer/gas barrier layer/adhesive/ONy/adhesive/PP was produced by the same method as in Example 1. With respect to this layered product, the dropped bag breaking strength, peel strength, ionization degree after the retort processing, and oxygen transmission rate after the retort processing were measured. The ionization degree of the outermost layer after the retort processing was 88 mol%, while the oxygen transmission rate after the retort processing was lower than 0.2 cm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>•day•atm. Thus, with respect to the both, the layered product exhibited excellent values.

Please replace the paragraph at page 78, lines 7-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, an drawn nylon film (Emblem (Trade Name), manufactured by Unitika, Ltd.; with a thickness of 15 μm; hereinafter may be abbreviated as “ONy” in some cases) and a polypropylene film (RXC-18 (Trade Name), manufactured by Tohcello Co., Ltd.; with a thickness of 50 μm; hereinafter may be abbreviated as “PP” in some cases) each were coated with a two-component adhesive (A-385 (Trade Name) and A-50 (Trade Name), manufactured by Mitsui Takeda Chemicals, Inc.), which then were dried. Then the films thus obtained were laminated with the above-mentioned layered product (~~[[B-22]]~~ B-23; gas barrier layer/AC/OPET). Thus, a layered product (B-23-1) that had a structure of gas barrier layer/AC/OPET/adhesive/ONy/adhesive/PP was obtained. Using this layered product, the neutralization degree after the retort processing and the oxygen transmission rate after the

retort processing were measured. The neutralization degree after the retort processing was 92 mol%, while the oxygen transmission rate after the retort processing was lower than 0.2  $\text{cm}^3/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day} \cdot \text{atm}$ . Thus, with respect to the both, the layered product exhibited excellent values.

Please replace the paragraph at page 84, lines 2-14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the layered product (28) was subjected to the ionization treatment using the calcium acetate aqueous solution (MI-1) under the same conditions as those employed in Example 23. Subsequently, superfluous calcium acetate was washed away with distilled water whose temperature had been adjusted to 80°C. Thereafter, it was dried at 80°C for five minutes. Thus, a layered product ~~[(B-6)]~~ (B-28) of the present invention was obtained. With respect to the layered product (B-28), the neutralization degree of the carboxyl groups of the polyacrylic acid contained in the gas barrier layer was determined by the aforementioned method. As a result, it was proved that 85 mol% of the carboxyl groups had been neutralized by calcium ions. In addition, with respect to the layered product (B-28), the oxygen barrier property, haze, and content of inorganic components were evaluated by the aforementioned methods.

Please replace the paragraph at page 88, lines 22-31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Furthermore, using the layered product (B-31), a layered product ~~(B-30-1)~~ (B-31-1) that had a structure of gas barrier layer/AC/OPET/AC/gas barrier layer/adhesive/ONy/adhesive/PP was produced by the same method as in Example 1. With respect to this layered product, the dropped bag breaking strength, peel strength, ionization degree after the retort

processing, and oxygen transmission rate after the retort processing were measured. The ionization degree of the outermost layer after the retort processing was 97 mol%, while the oxygen transmission rate after the retort processing was lower than  $0.2 \text{ cm}^3/\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day} \cdot \text{atm}$ .

Thus, with respect to the both, the layered product exhibited excellent values.